

Public Law 96-421  
96th Congress

Joint Resolution

Oct. 10, 1980  
[S.J. Res. 82]

To designate the week commencing with the third Monday in February of 1981 as "National Patriotism Week".

Whereas the freedom known in this country was won through great sacrifice and long tribulation; and

Whereas similar sacrifices have been made by the citizenry of the United States to extend liberty and well-being to other nations of the world; and

Whereas it is altogether fitting and proper to recognize such great freedoms, and to honor so great a Nation: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the week commencing with the third Monday in February of 1981 is hereby designated as "National Patriotism Week".

National  
Patriotism  
Week.  
Designation.

SEC. 2. The President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation—

(1) calling upon the people of the United States to commemorate National Patriotism Week with appropriate celebrations and observances;

(2) encouraging primary and secondary schools to adopt an appropriate curriculum for that week including such elements as the study of the Pledge of Allegiance and the national anthem, national symbols, seals, and mottos, and national monuments, heroes, and accomplishments; and

(3) requesting each Federal agency to recognize such week by taking such action as it may deem appropriate.

Approved October 10, 1980.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

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Sept. 30, Senate concurred in House amendments.